CRAAASH
KING'S GAME
ORIGIN

FOR A SECOND, I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

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CHAPTER 13

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DAIKI CAN'T BREATHE ANYMORE, EITHER.
YU...
YURI... SAN...

BECAUSE YOU ALL NEVER TOLD HIM ABOUT THE KING'S GAME!
W-WE...
WE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS REAL!
IT'S ALL A FOOLISH PRANK!
AND NEITHER DID ANYONE ELSE AT FIRST...

...MATTER.
THAT DOESN'T..
DAIKI'S DEAD AND IT'S YOUR FAULT!
NOTHING CHANGES THAT!
SO NOW I'M GOING TO GET MY REVENGE ON YOU TWO.
US TWO...? YOU MEAN...
YOU PUSHED YUUJI—?
THEN IT WASN'T THE KING...

THAT'S RIGHT.
I SENT YUUJI-KUN A FAKE KING'S LETTER AS WELL AND LURED HIM HERE
...JUST LIKE I DID TO YOU.
MICHIKO-SAN TOLD ME EVERY-THING...

YOU KNEW DAIKI HAD TURNED TEN...
BUT YOU DIDN'T MAKE HIM COME ALONG FOR THE KING'S LITTLE TEST OF COURAGE!
TREMBLE
AND YET YOU'RE BOTH STILL ALIVE!
TREMBLE
AND DAIKI IS GONE!
YURI SAN...

NEITHER OF YOU HAVE PUT A HEAD BY THE BULLETIN BOARD YET.
BUT NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO MEET YOUR END BY THE KING'S HAND
WAIT—
YUUJI DIDN'T—
NO.
I MADE SURE TO CONFIRM THAT LITTLE TIDBIT BEFORE I SENT YUUJI-KUN OVER THE EDGE.

IT'D SERVE YOU RIGHT FOR MURDERING MY POOR SON.
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
OH WAIT... YOU TWO MIGHT END UP IN HELL!
YOU'RE GOING TO DIE FROM THE KING'S PUNISHMENT, JUST LIKE DAIKI!
AND WHEN YOU MEET HIM IN HEAVEN, YOU CAN APOLOGIZE TO HIM PERSONALLY!
IT'S TRUE... WE WERE WRONG TO EXCLUDE DAIKI...
IN FACT, I STILL REGRET IT.
BUT THIS IS WRONG, YOU CAN'T DO THIS!

LURCH
IF YOU WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT SURVIVAL, YOU SHOULD'VE OBEYED THE KING'S ORDER STRAIGHT AWAY
GETTING DESPERATE?
ALL YOU CAN DO IS SIT THERE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, TREMBLING IN FEAR AT YOUR IMPENDING DEATH.
THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF THERE

AT LEAST LET YUUJI GO!
W-WAIT! PLEASE! AT LEAST...
YURI-SAN!
REVENGE FOR KILLING MY DEAR, SWEET SON DAIKI.

WHY DID THIS HAPPEN...?
...
NGH
YUU-JI...
HEY, YUUJI.
YOU WITH ME?
SHAKE
SHAKE

HNN...
K-KAZU-NARI...?
NN
OWWW
YEAH, YOU OKAY?
I THINK SO.
TEETH FEEL A LITTLE LOOSE, BUT OTHER-WISE...
ANYWAY, YURI-SAN JUST SHOVED ME!
I DON'T GET IT...
SHE BLAMES US FOR DAIKI'S DEATH...
...SINCE WE NEVER TOLD HIM ABOUT THE FIRST LETTER.

BESIDES, NONE OF US THOUGHT THE KING'S GAME WAS REAL.
LIKE IT WOULD'VE MATTERED!
THAT'S WHAT I SAID, BUT SHE WASN'T HEARING IT.
YOU THINK SHE WOULD'VE LET HIM TOUCH A CORPSE EVEN IF WE HAD TOLD HIM?
I THINK DAIKI'S DEATH MESSED HER UP PRETTY BAD.
YEAH...

DAIKI...
RUSTLE
AFTER YURI-SAN'S HUSBAND PASSED AWAY
DAIKI WAS ALL SHE HAD LEFT
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
DAIKI
RIGHT...

SHE LOST HER ONLY SON...
THEN, THE VILLAGERS STARTED GETTING MURDERED
AND WE KNEW ABOUT THE KING'S GAME FROM THE START
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, I CAN'T FULLY BLAME YURI-SAN FOR WHAT SHE DID
WE'LL SIT HER DOWN AND HAVE A LONG TALK WITH HER WHEN WE GET BACK.
EVENTUALLY SHE'LL UNDERSTAND
I HOPE SO

GULP
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NOW, HOW THE HELL DO WE GET OUT OF HERE?
A SHEER CLIFF ON ONE SIDE, A LAKE ON THE OTHER, AND WE HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT.
IS THAT ENOUGH TIME?
CAN WE EVEN ESCAPE THE CAVE?
OH YEAH, YUUJI, YOU DIDN'T OBEY THE ORDER?

WHEN I THOUGHT HOW MY GRANDPA'S HEAD MIGHT BE IN THAT BOX, MY LEGS JUST STOPPED WORKING
NOPE, SAME AS YOU.
RIGHT
WELL, WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE NOW
I KNOW
I KNOW KYUUZOU-SAN WOULD'VE WANTED YOU TO LIVE, YUUJI
THIS SITUATION MADE ME REALIZE THAT
MY DAD AND GRANDMA MUST'VE FELT THE SAME

RIGHT ON!
LET'S BLOW THIS JOINT!
WE CAN'T DIE.
FOR THEM, AND TO STOP THE KING.

CLICK
IF ONLY IT WERE THAT EASY.
NO WAY IN HELL WE'RE GETTING UP THAT CLIFF.
I MEAN YURI-SAN LED US HERE SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE GETTING BACK UP WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.
RIGHT WHICH LEAVES—

SATURDAY

AUGUST 13,

2:41 P.M.

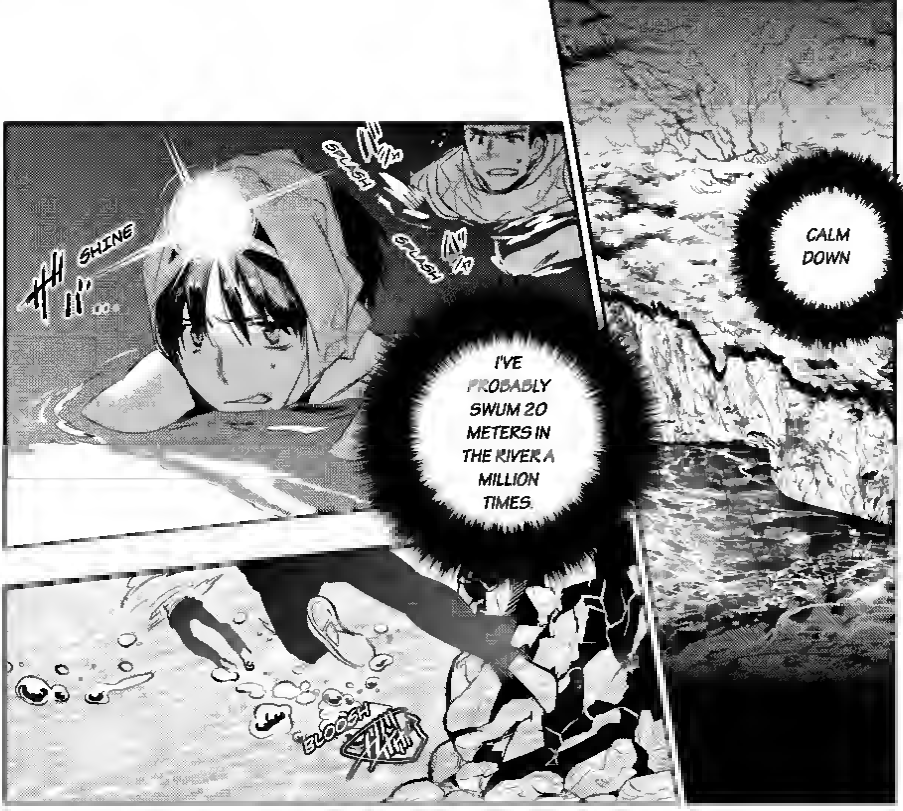
SWIMMING ACROSS THE LAKE AND LOOKING FOR A TUNNEL THAT LEADS BACK OUTSIDE
YEAH, THE PROB-LEM IS
THAT SPOT LOOKS PRETTY EASY TO CLIMB
SWIMMING ACROSS THIS FRIGID LAKE...
...IN PITCH DARKNESS.

HUH?
ANY OTHER TIME AND THAT'D BE A PIECE OF CAKE.
20.
NOPE... LOOKS LIKE IT'S ABOUT 20 METERS ACROSS
NOT EXACTLY PADDLING IN THE RIVER AT NOON, HUH?
MY RIGHT ANKLE'S A LITTLE MESSED UP
LIFT
LIFT
THROB
I THINK IT'S SPRAINED I CAN STILL STAND SO I DOUBT IT'S BROKE. BUT—
MESSED UP? IS IT BROKEN?!

HOW'RE YOU GONNA SWIM WITH A BAD ANKLE?!
HEY, EASY!
WOBBLE
GOH!
THE WATER LOOKS PRETTY DEEP WE CAN'T JUST HOP ACROSS.
I WON'T HAVE TO PUT ANY WEIGHT ON IT
N-NAH, SWIMMING SHOULD ACTUALLY BE EASIER.
OLI WZ WZ
B-BUT YOU COULD DROWN
THEN I'LL DIE BY DROWNING INSTEAD OF BEING DISMEMBERED
I'M DEAD EITHER WAY, SO I MAY AS WELL AT LEAST TRY SWIMMING!

HA HA
DON'T LOOK SO SMUG.
MAN, NORMALLY I'D BE THE SUPERIOR SWIMMER, TOO
I FEEL KINDA LAME.
ALL RIGHT!
IF YOU GET IN TROUBLE, JUST GRAB MY SHOULDER.
SWIP
YANK
CHEK
CHEK
CHEK

H-HEY, YOU OKAY?
SHIVER
SPLASH
HGK!
Y-YEAH I THINK WE CAN DO THIS
LEAD THE WAY, THEN I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU
SHAKE SHAKE
SHIVER SHIVER
CRAP THIS IS BRUTAL
I KNOW LET'S GET ACROSS AS FAST AS WE CAN
WE CAN'T STAY IN THIS TOO LONG


SHINE
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I'VE PROBABLY SWUM 20 METERS IN THE RIVER A MILLION TIMES.
CALM DOWN
BLOOSH

NORMALLY I WOULDN'T EVEN GIVE IT A SECOND THOUGHT
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER

WE'RE HALFWAY THERE YUUJI, STAY WITH ME!
GHAAH!
CHANK!
R-RIGHT!
THROB
THROB
CLASP

SPLISH SPLISH
T-THERE, ALL OVER
HUFF
HUFF
WE..
SMILE
WE MADE IT.. KAZU-NARI..
SHINE
YUP, NOW WE'RE GETTING SOME-WHERE
カチカチ CLICK CLICK

FLASHLIGHT STILL WORKS, TOO!
HA HA HA, YES!
WELL, IT WAS FRICKIN' FREEZING, BUT IT WAS WORTH SWIMMING OVER HERE
NOW WE'VE GOT A NEW PROBLEM.
AGREED... OF COURSE...
SHFF

THERE'S A SHAFT UP THERE
HOPE-FULLY...
...IT LEADS OUTSIDE.
YOU THINK TOO MUCH, KAZUNARI WE COULD TALK ALL DAY...
...BUT THE ONLY ANSWER IS TO PRESS ON
GOOD POINT...NO SENSE IN WASTING TIME.
GLANCE
THROB
THROB
...

I HAVE TO WALK.
DOESN'T MATTER.
CAN YOU WALK?
YOUR ANKLE OKAY, YUUJI?
THE "KOSHIAN" BEAN PASTE ONES, OF COURSE!
AND WHEN WE GET BACK I'M GONNA INHALE DUMPLINGS UNTIL MY STOMACH'S ABOUT TO BURST!
PFFT
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
PAT

GURGLE
IT JUST MELTS IN YOUR MOUTH...
I WANT THEM NOW... I CAN'T WAIT...
IF HEAVEN HAD A TEXTURE, THAT'D BE IT!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'RE A KOSHIAN GUY.
TSUBUAN'S BETTER THOUGH.
YOU GET MORE FLAVOR WITHOUT ALL THE BEAN SKINS!
WAIT!
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE ARGUING ABOUT JUNK FOOD!
BUT IT'S JUST PASTE!
WITH TSUBUAN YOU GET THE TEXTURE OF EACH BEAN—
PFHAA

...FOR AFTER WE GET HOME.
WE'LL SAVE THE CULINARY DEBATE...
BUMP